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This issue contains guidance documents relevant to current public health events and information from **August 11 – August 25**.

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## COCA News and Announcements

### Upcoming COCA Calls/Webinars:

#### Management and Prevention of Pediatric Influenza in Healthcare Settings

**CE** = Free Continuing Education

**Date:** Thursday, September 18, 2014

**Time:** 2:00 - 3:00 pm (Eastern Time)

**Dial In Number:** 888-831-8976 (U.S. Callers); 212-287-1673 (International Callers)

**Passcode:** 6649486

**Webinar:** <https://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?i=PW7554782&p=6649486&t=c>

Influenza is the most common cause of vaccine-preventable morbidity and mortality in children each year. Before flu season arrives, healthcare organizations should consider approaches to optimize influenza prevention and control. Taking action to immunize children and their close contacts, and early and aggressive use of antiviral therapies can lessen the impact of influenza infection. During this COCA webinar, subject matter experts from CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics will discuss strategies to improve influenza prevention and control in children, and will describe ways to leverage seasonal influenza planning to improve pandemic preparedness.

[emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo\\_091814.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo_091814.asp)

### Recent COCA Calls:

#### What U.S. Hospitals Need to Know to Prepare for Ebola Virus Disease

**Date:** Tuesday, August 5, 2014

[emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo\\_080514.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo_080514.asp)

Archived COCA conference calls are available at [emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/index.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/index.asp).

Free continuing education credits (CME, CNE, ACPE, CEU, CECH, and AAVSB/RACE) are available for most calls. For more information about free CE, visit [emergency.cdc.gov/coca/continuingeducation.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/continuingeducation.asp)

## CDC Emergency Response – 2014 Ebola Outbreak in West Africa

**Guidance for Safe Handling of Human Remains of Ebola Patients in U. S. Hospitals and Mortuaries – August 25 (CDC)**

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/guidance-safe-handling-human-remains-ebola-patients-us-hospitals-mortuaries.html>

**Health Alert Network (HAN) INFOService: CDC Ebola Response Update #3 – August 22 (CDC)**

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/han/han00367.asp>

**Case Definition for Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) – August 22 (CDC)**

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/case-definition.html>

**Interim Guidance for Monitoring and Movement of Persons with Ebola Virus Disease Exposure – August 22 (CDC)**

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/monitoring-and-movement-of-persons-with-exposure.html>

**Factsheet: Interim Guidance for Specimen Collection, Transport, Testing, and Submission for Patients with Suspected Infection with Ebola Virus Disease – August 21 (CDC)**

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/ebola-lab-guidance.pdf>

**Interim Guidance for Environmental Infection Control in Hospitals for Ebola Virus – August 19 (CDC)**

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/environmental-infection-control-in-hospitals.html>

**Sequence for Putting On and Removing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) – August 18 (CDC)**

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/ppe-poster.pdf>

**Interim Guidance about Ebola Infection for Airline Crews, Cleaning Personnel, and Cargo Personnel – August 11 (CDC)**

<http://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/air/managing-sick-travelers/ebola-guidance-airlines.html>

**Ebola Virus Disease Information for Clinicians in U.S. Healthcare Settings – August 10 (CDC)**

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/clinician-information-us-healthcare-settings.html>

## CDC News and Announcements

**CDC Science Clips: Volume 6, Issue: 33 – (CDC)**

Each week select science clips are shared with the public health community to enhance awareness of emerging scientific knowledge. The focus is applied public health research and prevention science that has the capacity to improve health now.

[www.cdc.gov/phlic/sciclips/issues/](http://www.cdc.gov/phlic/sciclips/issues/)

## Public Health Preparedness

**Emergency Preparedness and Response – (CDC)**

Find preparedness resources for all hazards.

[emergency.cdc.gov/hazards-all.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/hazards-all.asp)

**Emergency Preparedness and Response Training Resources for Clinicians – (CDC)**

Find online and in-person training resources at

[emergency.cdc.gov/coca/trainingresources.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/trainingresources.asp)

## Natural Disasters and Severe Weather

**Food and Water Needs: Preparing for a Disaster or Emergency – (CDC)**

[emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/foodwater/prepare.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/foodwater/prepare.asp)

## Health and Safety Concerns for All Disasters – (CDC)

[emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/alldisasters.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/alldisasters.asp)

## Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)

MMWR publications are prepared by CDC. To electronically subscribe, go to

[www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwrsubscribe.html](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwrsubscribe.html)

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- [Vaccine-Associated Paralytic Poliomyelitis and BCG-osis in an Immigrant Child with Severe Combined Immunodeficiency Syndrome — Texas, 2013](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Atypical Pneumonia in Three Members of an Extended Family — South Carolina and North Carolina, July–August 2013](#)
- [Vaccine-Associated Paralytic Poliomyelitis and BCG-osis in an Immigrant Child with Severe Combined Immunodeficiency Syndrome — Texas, 2013](#)

## Infectious, Vector-Borne, and Zoonotic Diseases

### Seasonal Influenza

#### Weekly Flu View – August 21 (CDC)

Flu View is a weekly influenza surveillance report prepared by CDC's Influenza Division. All data are preliminary and may change as CDC receives more reports.

[www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/)

#### Planning and Preparedness: Health Professionals and Seasonal Flu – (HHS)

Healthcare providers play an important role during flu season. The following guidance and information will assist health care providers and service organizations to plan and respond to seasonal flu.

[www.flu.gov/planning-preparedness/hospital/index.html](http://www.flu.gov/planning-preparedness/hospital/index.html)

## Travel Safety

#### Current Travel Warnings – August 19 (US Department of State)

The U.S. Department of State issues Travel Warnings when long-term, protracted conditions make a country dangerous or unstable. Travel Warnings recommend that Americans avoid or carefully consider the risk of travel to that country. The State Department also issues Travel Warnings when the U.S. government's ability to assist American citizens is constrained due to the closure of an embassy or consulate or because of a drawdown of State Department staff.

[travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html](http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html)

## Food, Drug, and Device Safety

#### MedWatch: The FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program – (FDA)

MedWatch is your Food and Drug Administration (FDA) gateway for clinically important safety information and reporting serious problems with human medical products.

[www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/default.htm](http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/default.htm)

#### FoodSafety.gov: Reports of FDA and USDA Food Recalls, Alerts, Reporting, and Resources – (HHS/USDA/FDA/CDC/NIH)

Foodsafety.gov lists notices of recalls and alerts from both FDA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Visitors to the site can report a problem or make inquiries.

[www.foodsafety.gov/recalls/recent/index.html](http://www.foodsafety.gov/recalls/recent/index.html)

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[CDC Health Partners Outreach Facebook page](#) – real time updates, guidance, and situational awareness for public health partners on Facebook

[Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity](#) – resources for health care providers

[COCA RSS Feed](#) – subscribe to be notified of conference calls, updates, and CDC guidance for health providers

[Crisis & Emergency Risk Communication \(CERC\) Training](#) – training program that draws from lessons learned during public health emergencies, and incorporates best practices from the fields of risk and crisis communication

[Health Alert Network \(HAN\)](#) – CDC's primary method of sharing cleared information about urgent public health incidents with public information officers; federal, state, territorial, and local public health practitioners; clinicians; and public health laboratories



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